

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9-15 and 18, 21 and 23 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 23 are independent. Claims 1, 9, 10, 11, and 23 are hereby amended. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the specification, specifically at Figures 7, 8, and 9 and on pages 9, 10, and 11. Changes to claims are not statements with respect to patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112 beyond the remarks herein. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT

Citations to Figures and Specification locations are provided. However, such citations are provided merely as examples and are not intended to limit the interpretation of the claims or to evidence or create any estoppel.

As an example, support of the amendment can be found at Figures 7, 8, and 9 and pages 9, 10, and 11 of the Specification.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 6, 9-13, 15, 21, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,133,909 to Schein, et al (hereinafter, merely “Schein”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,469,354 to Hatakeyama, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Hatakeyama”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,165,098 to Boyer, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Boyer”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,798,785 to Hendricks, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Hendricks”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,522 to Erdelyi, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Erdelyi”).

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Schein, Hatakeyama, and Boyer, and Hendricks, and Erdelyi and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,134,547 to Huxley, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Huxley”).

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Schein in view of Hatakeyama, and Boyer, and Hendricks, and Erdelyi and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,039 to Livowsky et al.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Schein in view of Hatakeyama, and Boyer and Hendricks, and Erdelyi and further in view of U.S. Pre Grant Publication No. 2003/0014753 to Beach et al.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Schein in view of Hatakeyama, and Boyer and Hendricks, and Erdelyi and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,428 to Lee et al.

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

...wherein, when the input retrieval keyword is input, relevant keywords, extracted by the dictionary database are sent to the routing server, and

wherein the routing server accesses one of the databases in a data server storing the particular database, storing desired data by selecting a route to the data server, whereby the desired data is obtained. (Emphasis Added)

Applicants respectfully submit that Schein, Hatakeyama, Boyer, Hendricks, and Erdelyi, taken alone or in combination, fail to suggest or render predictable 1) pre-designating a particular database from among a plurality of databases, including an electronic-program-guide database, a movie information database, and a drama information database; 2) selecting a route to the particular database that is pre-selected as a function of stored access information and stored path information; and 3) searching electronic-program-guide data from the particular database that is pre-selected as a function of the input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted additional keyword, wherein, when the input retrieval keyword is input, relevant keywords, extracted by the dictionary database are sent to the routing server, and wherein the routing server accesses one of the databases in a data server storing the particular database,

storing desired data by selecting a route to the data server, whereby the desired data is obtained, as recited in claim 1.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Schein, Hatakeyama, Boyer, Hendricks, and Erdelyi, that would teach the above-identified features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 11 and 23 are patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11 and 23 are patentable.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

Because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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